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BISHOP SMITH VISITS S. F. STAKE

Bishop David A. Smith of the Presiding Bishopric of Salt Lake was the first official visitor to the new Stake Presidency of the San Francisco Stake. He met with the Stake presidency and High Council and later with the bishops of the Stake last Sunday in the regular Stake union meeting. General instructions were given the new officers. He later visited with his son and daughter in Oakland.

GENEALOGY

On April 13 a special train will leave from a local railway depot. Not a train made up for the great and rich of the earth, but many of those who will go have literally saved pennies to buy the fare on this extra special train. This group will go on this train singing and rejoicing like the crusaders of old but without sword or lance. These modern crusaders will go armed with a burning idea which came into the world in 1836, and which has been growing and more intense with the passing years. These crusaders will be bound for Mesa, Ariz., a thousand miles away, where there is erected a Temple to the most High God for great, glorious and specific purposes. This burning idea that takes this group a thousand miles to spend one grand week in a Temple of God will make them literally Saviors on Mount Zion, for these crusaders will perform salvation work for God's children who were once upon earth. This pilgrimage to the Mesa Temple will be the second annual excursion of Temple workers from the Bay region for members of the church. Those who made the pilgrimage a year ago are still singing praises for this trip of trips. Many insist that it was the most joyful excursion of their lives. Those who plan to go are urged to begin now to prepare for this enjoyable event to be held during the pre-Easter week in April. To be ready requires forethought and preparation.

1. Time must be arranged.
2. The means must be saved.
3. Clothes must be checked.
4. Records must be checked and cleared.

To go Temple working with these crusaders requires careful preparation indeed, but many know the worth of going will be there. Invitations have gone to San Francisco, Sacramento and Gridley stakes to make of this a joint Northern California inter-state pilgrimage. Round trip fare on this special train will be $15.75, with Pullman and tourist sleepers additional. It will be a distinction to be in this company.

TIME EXPLAINS

With the organization of the New York Stake Dec. 9, President Grant was much publicized by the press and periodicals of the East. Literary Digest, News-Week and Time all carried lengthy articles, all attempting to explain all the workings of a Mormon "stake." Time made reference to the recent division of the stake here, with the statement that "San Francisco got her first stake only the week before." Robert, son of President J. Edward Johnson, a faithful reader of Time's letters, was sure that Time had erred, and so wrote the "weekly news-magazine," explaining that the San Francisco Stake had been organized not "a week but over seven years." And to Bobby, Time replied as follows:

"New York, Jan. 14, 1935.

"Dear Mr. Johnson:

"As is our custom, we consulted the best available authority for information about the San Francisco Stake; in this case it was Mr. Don B. Colton, the Eastern missionary head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. We understand he is the Church's official spokesman in this part of the country. He states that it is his opinion that there is some technical mix-up; that the stake in existence for seven years in that vicinity was listed as an Oakland Stake, although it may have been known locally as the San Francisco Stake. Further, he says, again in his opinion, that there never has been a stake in the city proper until the week of Dec. 2. But naturally, if there has been a stake there all the time, you should know. As Mr. Colton suggests, it is probably a technicality. If TIME erred, you may be sure we regret it.

"With thanks for the interest which prompted you to write us about it,

Sincerely yours,

I. VAN METER,

Editorial Secretary."

DRAMA

Club Dramatique presents a play each Saturday evening in the Little Theatre, St. Mark Hotel, Oakland, under the direction of Golden LaMarr Kimball.

"Progression" will again be produced. A new cast has been selected, and special scenery is being prepared to make this production most unusual and entertaining. Such plays as Ibsen's "A Doll's House," "Outward Bound," and plays by James M. Barry will be presented.

Club Dramatique also invites those who are interested in playing, writing, and art, to join their club. Information may be obtained by calling THornwall 6233. A drama class is to be started in the near future.

SAN FRANCISCO NOTES

Ernest Boesquiter has been named the new Stake M. I. A. Superintendent, succeeding W. Glen George, resigned. George Moss of San Francisco Ward has been chosen as first assistant. Other board members have not yet been named.

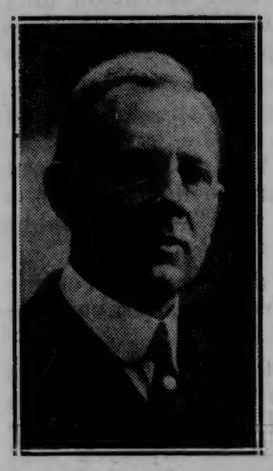
The first M. I. A. Stake party is being planned for the near future; watch for announcements.

Esther Davis Stephens, our former capable Stake chorister, has been named the Stake Relief Society President, succeeding Hannah Kelly. President Stephens has chosen Marie Lindsay of San Jose and Bertha Ohran of Burlingame as her counselors. Josephine Danford of Sunset has been named secretary. A splendid presidency and we expect great things from them.

San Francisco Stake annual Green and Gold Ball will be held in San Francisco Feb. 22, at the Trion Ballroom, Sutter Street at Van Ness Avenue. The one dance that both old and young attend. Refreshments served.

MANY NEW OFFICERS NAMED AT NEW STAKE CONFERENCE

The first conference of the new Oakland Stake was held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26-27. Despite the fact that stake was recently divided, the Oakland Chapel was crowded to capacity by Eastbay Saints, who eagerly listened to fine doctrinal sermons of Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve. Each session was filled with talks bristling with faith promoting thoughts. Being a "Priesthood Conference," the Saturday evening and Sunday morning sessions followed closely the outlined program. Discussion of the assigned topics demonstrated that the Priesthood work in this stake is in good hands, and that much progress is being made toward real Priesthood activity.



The Sunday afternoon session became the business meeting, when many vacancies caused by the division of the stake were filled. Bishop John J. Kest of Martinez, Dr. Grant D. Ellis of Berkeley and O. Leslie Stone of Oakland were named to the High Council. Alameda Branch was made a ward and Leo H. Crandall ordained the Bishop. In Martinez ward, a new bishopric was named. John T. Abbott was named to succeed Bishop Kest, with Andrew Easton, Jr., and Willard B. Knowles as counselors and Albert W. Guymon as clerk. A new presidency of the High Priests' quorum was sustained with John C. Stirrat, Wm. F. Everett and Willard H. Clarke, and Archie G. Hill as secretary. Franklin Curtis Millward was sustained as second counselor in the First Quorum of Elders to complete this organization. Due to illness Mrs. Inez Macfarlane was released as stake superintendent of Primary and Mrs. Jean Gordon Lauper sustained to succeed her. W. King Driggs was named Stake chorister, and Delbert H. Rock of the High Council succeeded Archer Willey as head of the Stake Music Committee. Ame Macdonald Anderson was sustained as second counselor to fill a vacancy in the Y. W. M. I. A.

In a stirring sermon in the afternoon, Elder Smith showed the great lesson taught in the story of the Prodigal Son, often overlooked in a casual reading. He clearly marked the great truth that even though "wasters" after much suffering repent and return to their fathers, and are rejoiced over because the "lost is found," yet they do not again share the kingdom. They become servants only. "We are all prodigals or elder sons," said the Apostle, "if the first, and we trample under foot the things of the kingdom, waste our heritage, then we must suffer even as the prodigal, who was debased with the swine, which to the Jew is the lowest of animals. When we repent and return unto our Father, there is much rejoicing, and though a ring may be put upon our finger and a purple robe about us, yet when the feasting is over, we become but a servant in a house where we might have lived as a son." All sin must be atoned for, declared the speaker, "our tears must wash out the stains of sin." By our willingness to keep the commandments, we elect to become sons or servants. "For in the celestial kingdom, angels as servants will wait upon the faithful sons of our Father's House", said Elder Smith. "Now is the time, in this life, to repent and do

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the works of righteousness. If we reject it here, and even though we accept in the spirit world, we will then be of the terrestial kingdom." Elder Smith referred his hearers to the 27 chapter of III Nehi.

In the priesthood sessions, topics were treated by A. D. Erickson, Bishop Macfarlane, President Oscar Fontano, I. B. Ball, John Soelberg, Mrs. Dorothy C. Stone, Bishop Lauper, A. Elden Rex, and three boys of the Aaronic Priesthood, James Ruff, Junior Flaner and Sydney Feller. The Oakland Elders quartette and Mormon male chorus rendered musical numbers. In the afternoon session the Stake choir, directed by W. King Driggs, and a solo by Mrs. Madge A. Young provided the musical score. The speakers beside Elder Smith were Chas. C. Carr, F. J. Parsons, Mrs. Margaret P. Gardner, Brigham Nielson and Archer Willey.

In the M. I. A. session, Sunday evening, Elder Smith pointed out the destiny of Saints was to "become like God." "Those who are not valiant in the cause of righteousness, must stand aside." Other speakers included "Bing" Beasley and Walter Hall of the M. I. A. board. Musical numbers were given by the Stake Symphony orchestra, the Dimond Girls' chorus and Andy Anderson. It was a delightful and profitable conference throughout, the music apace with high mark of the sermons.

ASSIGNMENTS

The following are the High Council and Missionary appointments for Oakland Stake, Sunday, Feb. 17:

ALAMEDA—C. C. Carr, Russell Thompson.
BERKELEY—D. H. Rock and Bromwell Z. Cox.
DIMOND—F. J. Parons, O. L. Stone, Jeanette McDonald.
ELMHURST—A. D. Erickson, P. W. Jackson.
HAYWARD—John Soelberg, J. G. Wimmer.
MARTINEZ—J. J. Kest, Don J. Allphin.
OAKLAND—C. M. Dewsnup, Edwin Humphrey, Catherine Mathison.
PITTSBURG—W. T. Hicken, Antone Olson.
RICHMOND—Grant D. Ellis, Robert T. Paine.
VALLEJO—I. B. Ball and Einar Johnson.

San Francisco Stake

BALBOA—F. M. Harmon, Theda Farnsworth, Elgin L. Clawson.
BAY BR.—Carl Kjar, Fred E. Newton.
BURLINGAME—Josiah P. Rudy, Wm. W. Collins.
MISSION—H. E. Thomson, Fred Buss, Paul Jensen.
PALO ALTO—T. Sterling Taylor, Fred Merrill.
SAN FRANCISCO—Stake Presidency.
SAN JOSE—Jos. Rackstraw, Henry Neering, F. M. McKinney.
SUNSET—Hyrum Mecham, M. A. Hammer, Eugene Allred.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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SALVATION FOR THE DEAD

Millions of spirits are awaiting the privilege of embracing the Gospel in the spirit world. Genealogical and temple work must be done for them. Every Latter-Day Saint family should devote a part of its time and means to this important work.

This is the advice of our Church leaders:

"I wish you to understand this subject, for it is important, and if you will receive it this is the spirit of Elijah, that we redeem our dead and connect ourselves with our fathers which are in heaven."—Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

"High Priests, Seventies and ye Elders of Israel, are you prepared with wisdom and power to officiate for the living and the dead that salvation may go forth to the rising generation, or have you neglected qualifying yourselves in your holy callings and let the cares of the world occupy your entire time and attention?"—Pres. Brigham Young.

"No more wonderful thing has ever been accomplished in the history of the world than the turning of the hearts of the children to the fathers . . . If you get it into your heart and soul that this is one of the most important things you as Latter-Day Saints can do, you will find a way to do it. That is the lesson of all others, that I would like to impress upon you."—Pres. Heber J. Grant.

Those living near Temples should be encouraged to do regular Temple work. All should be encouraged to gather family records from every available source.

Temple excursions are arranged for the joy and convenience of the Saints residing in the border stakes of the Church. Thus can this important work be accomplished. To the Saints of the Bay Stakes, the second annual pilgrimage to the Arizona Temple is scheduled for early in April. It is expected that more than 200 will go in the special train to stand as "proxy for departed relatives" in the Holy Temple. Every family should have at least one representative there. To take full advantage of this Easter vacation week, records must be gathered, checked and indexed. The Oakland Stake Genealogical Committee, in charge of this 1000 mile trek, estimate that the entire trip can be made for $30. A journey of love and service, with a vacation thrown in! At such a trifling cost! Make it your 1935 project!!!
(Ward Teachers' Message for February.)

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vallejo Sunday School was awarded the 1934 efficiency banner and was presented at the Union Meeting held in Dimond Chapel Dec. 27. Supt. Parley Merrill received the banner awarded to our youngest Sunday School. In the stake contest Vallejo averaged 118 points monthly throughout the year. Hail, Vallejo!

It is whispered that the Stake Board are planning a "cradle roll' or benefit of their own members. Those who have intimated their intention of joining the class are the John Abersoles, Blain Chadwicks and the Rex McKeans.

During the past month the Stake Superintendency made official visits to the Martinez, Dimond, Vallejo, Berkeley, Alameda, and Oakland Sunday Schools.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Stake Secretary and Treasurer Ruth R. Shurtleff has completed the annual report and it is now in the hands of the general secretary. We congratuate the ward secretaries on their promptness and on the accuracy of their reports. Each year they get better.

Union meeting Feb. 10. Presidents aim to have every class leader present. The Stake class leaders are prepared to give them valuable help. So much of the success of our meetings depends upon the lesson presentation. Guard against the possibility of failure. Every meeting should be a delight and a source of educational and spiritual growth.

The Relief Society choral is now meeting for practice twice each month. They are planning to give another lovely concert soon.

Officers: Please read the "Notes to the Field" in the magazine each month. Many fine suggestions are given for improving our work.

It is well to wholeheartedly do one thing at a time and get it off our hands. This month is the time set to collect the dues from the members. Do not let it drag through the spring months.

The regular monthly Stake Board meeting will be held Feb. 6 at 12:30 p. m. at the home of Stake Chorister Cleone Wilcox, 965 Cragmont, Berkeley.

The Relief Society Stake Board served the noon lunch at quarterly conference Sunday, Jan. 27. The introduction of the box lunch seemed to meet with general favor.

M. I. A.

The first annual Green and Gold Ball of the Oakland Stake will be held Friday evening, Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday, in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1547 Oak Street. This is the finest ballroom in the East Bay. As an added feature to the ball a queen from each ward has been selected who will participate in the contest for "Queen of the Ball." A special invitation is extended to members of the San Francisco Stake to join with us in our first major function in Oakland. One of the finest orchestras has been engaged for this grand occasion.

Dr. Douglas Ream and A. B. Olsen of Berkeley are new members on the young men's stake board. We welcome these capable additions to our Stake group.

Amy Macdonald Anderson of the Young Women's Board was sustained at our recent stake conference as second counselor to President Triest Hall.

The following is the recreational calendar for February:

Feb. 5—Dimond Ward Exhibit.
Feb. 8—M. Men Basketball Dance, Oakland Chapel.
Feb. 15—Costume Ball, Dimond Ward.
Feb. 15—Berkeley Dance.
Feb. 22—Green and Gold Ball, Scottish Rite Temple.

STAKE MUSICALE

One of the most enjoyable musicals ever held in the Oakland Chapel was given Friday evening, Jan. 18, under the auspices of the Oakland Stake Music Committee, when Theodore Strong, famed radio organist, Eileen Elman Becker, contralto, and the Mormon Male Chorus were presented in a grand concert. Theodore Strong, always popular with Latter-Day Saint audiences, won anew a place in their hearts as their favorite organist, and the rich contralto voice of Mrs. Becker was the delight of the enthusiastic audience that packed the Oakland Chapel. Our own Mormon Male Chorus outdid themselves. Their finished presentation was the surprise of their many friends, and their program presented a wide variety of selections. "Steal Away," a negro spiritual, was done with professional touch, and their voices blended in most pleasing harmony.

Archer Willey, chairman of the Stake Music Committee, was chairman and offered the opening prayer. Bishop Dunyon of Berkeley, offered the benediction. The concert was given as a benefit performance or Berkeley's new chapel.

Many words of commendation for the committee were voiced for the high quality of this concert. To the artists who performed and to the committee, our thanks and congratulations.

PRIMARY

Stake Primary conventions for both stakes are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16. Stake and ward workers of Oakland Stake meet in Oakland Chapel Friday, Feb. 15, and the San Francisco convention will meet in the Sunset hall Saturday, Feb. 16. Two general board members from Salt Lake City are expected to be present, to give demonstrations and discuss various phases of Primary work. All Priesthood officers and those interested in leisure time guidance for children are invited to be in attendance.

Mrs. Jean Gordon Lauper of the Dimond Ward was named the Stake Primary superintendent for Oakland when Mrs. Inez Macfarlane found it impossible to continue as the Primary leader, due to ill health, being ordered to give up the Primary leadership on the advice of her doctor. Supt. Lauper has been a member of the stake Primary board for the past few months, being the efficient music director. Her assistants in the superintendency have not been chosen but she hopes soon to have an enthusiastic and energetic board.

SCOUTING

The L. D. S. Scouters of the Oakland Stake held their monthly leaders' round table Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Oakland Ward Chapel in conjunction with the regular M. I. A. union meeting. The troop leaders were as follows:

Troop 46, Oakland; Troop 8, Berkeley; Troop 44, Elmhurst; Troop 72, Dimond.

The opening ceremony, the handicraft demonstration and the closing ceremony were in charge of Troop 44. Wood carving and its possibilities in a troop were emphasized. Scribe Marshall Stoddard was excused. Troops 44, 46 and 72 will all take part in the big Oakland Scout Circus in the Municipal Auditorium Feb. 8 and 9. Troop 8 will take part in the Berkeley merit badge exhibit Feb. 15 and 16 and will demonstrate "Public Health." Next Scouters' round table scheduled for Feb. 17, 2:15 p. m., Oakland Ward. All committeemen, Scoutmasters, assistants and senior patrol leaders are expected to be present. Troop 8 will have charge of the ceremonies and craft demonstration.

Congratulations to the first Eagle Scouts of the new Oakland Stake. Troop 8 of the Berkeley Ward presented Edward Pyle, Robert Johnson and Lynn Knight for this coveted award of Eagle Rank on Sunday night, Jan. 13, and was followed the next night, by Troop 72 presenting from the Dimond Ward Scout Phil Hilton and Scoutmaster Marshall Stoddard for the same rank. The presentations were made at very impressive courts of honor and the Scouts are to be commended. Surely every Scout would like to be an Eagle.

Troop 72, Dimond Ward, is doubly honored in having in addition to two new Eagles, a Scout attain the highest rank in the older Scout program, the rank of quartermaster. This honor was bestowed upon Eugene Hilton, Sea Scout of the Sea Scout Ship No. 109 of Oakland. Eugene is not only the first of our L. D. S. young men to receive this rank but he is among the first five in the entire Oakland Area Council with a membership exceeding 5000. He has set a pace for us to follow and will be a real asset to Scouting in our stake. Success and congratulations to you, Eugene!

Scout Sunday is being observed in L. D. S. wards on Sunday, Feb. 3, or Feb. 10. Scouts are urged to attend services in a body and in uniform. Source material for leaders in charge of Scout Sunday is obtainable from scout headquarters.

Troop 44 of Elmhurst took an industrial hike through a bakery during the past wek. Troop 8 of Berkeley has now elected Scout Ball as S. P. L. and Larry Pyle and Preston Erickson as patrol leaders. The three new Eagles have all become junior assistant scoutmasters. Walter Noall was invested as a new Tenderfoot Scout, Scouts Gleason, Miller and Roff were made first class rank at their last court of honor.

Upon the invitation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, every Scout troop unit in America is invited to have a representative attend the first national jamboree ever held in America, Aug. 21 to 31, 1935, at Washington, D. C. Surely we will have our four troops each send at least one representative. On to Washington, D. C.! Troop 46, Oakland Ward, says, "Just watch our dust!"

IRVING P. BEESLEY,
Stake Scout Commissioner.

DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS

The annual encampment of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers will be held Monday, Feb. 18, at 1 o'clock, in the San Francisco Ward Chapel, 1649 Hayes Street. All ladies over 18 years of age interested and who have Utah pioneer ancestors are cordialy invited to attend.

President Cornelia Lund of the Stake Central Company will be in attendance.

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M. I. A. SAN FRANCISCO STAKE

Leilla Nichols of San Jose has been called as a member of the Y. W. M. I. A. Stake Board in charge of Retold Story.

Marie Collett of San Francisco Ward has also been called as drama leader for the Y. W. M. I. A. Stake Board.

M. I. A. Stake officers were well pleased with the attendance at Union meeting held Sunday, Jan. 20, and wish to thank all ward officers and teachers for their support. Your continued co-operation will encourage Stake officers to greater efforts, and will result in a successful M. I. A. season. Union meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month in the Sunset Ward hall.

A calendar of class events will be published in the March Messenger.

ALAMEDA

The Alameda Branch has reached a point in its progression when it has been deemed advisable to make it a ward. Organized a branch by the presidency of the San Francisco Stake on Feb. 28, 1932, with a membership of 115, it has grown steadily until it now has 169 members, showing an increase of 68 per cent. The Alameda Ward saw its inception at the first conference of the new Oakland Stake under the direction of Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. President Leo H. Crandall was made Bishop. During its three years as a branch, Alameda has seen some wonderful development in the spiritual attitude of its people. The responsibility has been of great value and big things are expected of the new ward.

Jacob Z. Richardson, who has been class instructor in the Gospel Doctrine Class, in Sunday School, has been appointed supervisor of the Teachers Quorum. He will supervise their entire Church activity.

The Mutual Improvement Association is giving a Valentine party and dance Feb. 14.

Mrs. Hardy of Salt Lake is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Arletta Tuttle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shaw of Logan, Utah, has been visiting a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Marie Meuter.

Mrs. Blanche Crandall made a hurried trip to Ogden where she was called by the death of her nephew, Dean Crandall.

Mrs. Jeanette Targhetta is home recovering from a major operation at a local hospital.

MARTINEZ

A surprise party was tendered Patriarch and Mrs. William E. Potts of Walnut Creek, Dec. 19, and they were presented with a radio by the ward.

A welcome-home party was given Dec. 28 in honor of Elder George Mortensen, "our missionary," recently returned from Germany. He has returned to Logan, Utah, to attend school.

The Primary has been reorganized with Roberta Storey as superintendent and Bessie Bernard and Varona Cullen as assistants.

Mrs. Freida Brey has been named president of the Relief Society.

J. Folger of Vallejo gave a very interesting lecture Jan. 13 on "Joseph Smith the American Prophet."

Walter Brey, our genial ward clerk, and recently sustained as one of the presidents of the 247th Quorum of Seventy, has been named president of the Martinez missionaries, succeeding Stanley Dahlin, released.

Miss Elsie Knight recently became the bride of Ervin Robison in Twin Falls, Ida.

Mrs. Mernie Bunce is recovering from a serious illness at the home of her parents in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Andrew Easton and children have returned after a short visit in Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robison and family are home again after an enjoyable vacation in Utah and Idaho.

Miss Verna Hillam of Salt Lake is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Audrey Easton.

DIMOND

Evening services for the month:
Feb. 3—Boy Scout Court of Honor.
Feb. 10—M. I. A. Conjoint program.
Feb. 17—Stake Missionaries.
Feb. 24—Horace Cherrington and Jack Fitzpatrick speakers.

The entire ward extends its sympathy to Sister Ella Chase, whose husband, Frank G. Chase, passed away suddenly Jan. 13. And to Sister Clara Morcroft, who husband passed away Jan. 15 after a lingering illness. Both sisters accompanied the bodies to Utah for burial.

Mildred Morgan, former Relief Society president, was the honored guest at a delightful party given by the Relief Society officers at the home of President Jane Kilner. Fifty guests enjoyed interesting games and delicious refreshment. In appreciation of her splendid work, Mrs. Morgan was presented with a gift.

Jan. 10 Ruth Gealta was hostess at a Stork Shower in honor of Mrs. Julia Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Nora Fish of Santa Barbara recently spent a week as the guest of her sister, Patricia Fish. During her stay she was extensively entertained.

Clarence Booth, Joe Roy Hilton and Elmer Hoiem have been advanced to the office of teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Clarke and children have returned to make their home in Dimond after a year's stay in Independence, Missouri.

Sarah Sumnerhays has been sustained as second counselor in the M. I. A. following the release of Bessie Auger, who has moved to Berkeley Ward.

Mrs. Clarence J. Brossard is convalescing at home following a major operation.

Newcomers to Dimond include Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Meyers, formerly of Rosemead, Calif. Mrs. Meyers is a sister of Mavis Humphrey.

OAKLAND

The officers and teachers of the Relief Society gave a luncheon at the home of Secretary Eudora King for the retiring presidency and presented Sister Bennett with a lovely gift and corsages to her counselors and secretary. Sister Bennett is giving the Relief Society work up on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans and family of Sacramento are now members of our ward.

Mrs. Clyde Workey of Logan, Utah, has been visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Rich. She is Mr. Rich's sister.

The Trail Builders, under the leadership of Sister Myers, enjoyed a very pleasant Saturday morning at the Ice Palace. Some of the boys had their first experience at ice skating and had a lot of thrills. There were twelve boys in the group.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stone are enjoying a visit of his mother, Mrs. F. J. Stone of Spokane, Wash.

We are happy to see Brother Gene Willey around again after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

Verl Bagley and Richard Wilson have been ordained deacons. The deacons have improved our Sunday School and Sacrament meetings by all wearing white shirts and black bow ties. While passing the Sacrament they look very nice.

We are happy to say that Sister J. G. Haddock is recovering rapidly from her recent illness.

At our Conjoint meeting for February the M. Men will be in charge and they have arranged a most interesting meeting. President Macdonald will give a challenge and two of the M. Men will answer him. The M. I. A. mixed chorus and Mr. Smith of San Francisco will furnish the music.

The Presidencies of the M. I. A. held a social at the home of President Wm. Nielson recently.

Doris Stewart will be the new teacher in the Junior class. We welcome her in her new work.

BURLINGAME

Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, the Relief Society was honored with the presence of President Howard McDonald at the Theology and Testimony Meeting. Much to the surprise and delight of members, President McDonald introduced, as the new Stake Relief Society president, Sister Esther D. Stephens. This call comes to sister Stephens as the result of efficient and worthy service in both Stake and Ward capacities. Sincere congratulations!

Other ward members who have been called to Stake positions are: Joseph W. Story, chairman of Genealogay Board; Maurine Taylor and Chloe Nelson, members of the Primary Board; Zelda Kirkham in Stake Y. L. M. I. A. Presidency; Bertha Ohren in Stake Relief Society Presidency; Claude B. Petersen, member of Presidency of seventies.

A very enjoyable and spiritual cottage meeting was held Sunday evening, Jan. 20, at the home of Brother and Sister Chas. A. Ohran, under the direction of James A. Stringham, supervisor of ward teachers. The success of this meeting should encourage others of the same kind.

Miss Lila Steenbilk, of Salt Lake City, is house guest of Bishop and Mrs. Ernest Landward.

Sister Maurine Taylor was the motive for a Relief Society party Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, at the home of Sister Golda Ohran. Sister Taylor has been called to Primary Board, and is therefore released as Literary Class leader in Relief Society. After an evening of games and refreshments, Sister Taylor was presented with a leather-bound volume of poems. Twenty-two members were present.

We are happy to report that the Bule family, Sisters Mary Stephens, Isabel Karr and Inez Underwood are recovering from recent illnesses.

Our ward member, Sister Elsie Rich Williams, is the author of the story "A New Year's Resolution," which appears in the January issue of the Relief Society Magazine.

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NEWS FROM THE WARDS

RICHMOND

The following ordinations were made the last month: Priest, Kenneth Gengler; teachers, Jack C. Dewsnup, Wilson S. Gengler, Ray L. Roark; deacon, Curtis M. Thulin.

On Jan. 3 the officers and teachers held their monthly meeting and social at the Leonard Aikens home in Mira Vista. After the various meetings games were played and a luncheon was served by the Genealogical Society.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roark and Brother and Sister Arthur Hopkins were the guests of Brother and Sister T. L. Farnsworth at a theatre party New Year's eve.

Mrs. H. F. Layton is visiting in Salt Lake.

Claude Dewsnup has been ill at his home. Sister Donna Thulin is recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fransworth have moved to Long Beach. Brother Farnsworth was first counselor to Bishop Hopkins and he and his family will be greatly missed.

The officers and teachers of the Mutual under the able direction of C. Gordon Nielsen and Alice Hopkins are planning another Valentine Basket Social. Everyone is looking forward to it after the huge success of last year's party.

The next officers party will be held at the home of Brother and Sister James Roark with the bishopric as hosts.

MISSION

Bishop Fred Merrill and his first counselor, Hyrum Mecham, were presented with a beautiful gold watch and fountain pen set, respectively, at a recent banquet held in their honor by members of the ward. President Stephen H. Winter and Ray Lindsay of the Stake Presidency were among the after dinner speakers.

Penard Oxnard was sustained to succeed Monte M. Copen as second counselor in the Sunday School.

The M. I. A. ushered in the first evening meeting of 1935 and had a record attendance, being the largest on record.

Noel Callister, brother of Alice Hargrove, and Leonora Barber and Edna Torgerson of Dimond Ward, has returned to Salt Lake. While here he assisted as teacher in the New Testament class. Thanks, Noel.

Troop 107 have been working hard for their program on Conjoint night. Larger attendance at Priesthood meetings is apparent since the change.

Floyd Bevan has been commuting back and forth from Marin County this month in his new role as counselor.

San Francisco Stake Presidency visited our ward Sunday night, Jan. 20.

The ward is giving a Valentine dance on Saturday evening, Feb. 16, in the amusement hall, corner Capp and Twentieth Streets. The Bishopric expects all to attend this dance.

BALBOA

Zina Butler of Payson, Utah, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Katie Sadler.

Freida Pietsch has been sustained as president of Y. W. M. I. A.

A. E. White has been released from the superintendency of Balboa Ward Sunday School.

George W. Felsch has been sustained as superintendent with Francis Asby and Karl Adams as assistants.

A party was tendered A. E. White and retiring officers by the incoming officers on Friday, Jan. 25.

Balboa Ward is sponsoring a carnival Jan. 30, under the direction of the M. I. A. for the purpose of a building fund for a new chapel.

Conjoint Meeting Feb. 3, will be given by the Bee-Hive Girls with Howard McDonald as speaker.

Balboa Ward Stake Officers are as follows: Edgar Morganegg of the 222 Quorum of Seventy, Harold Hickenlooper of the Seventy's Quorum, also Arthur W. Sadler. Deane White of the Primary Association and Frances Cresta. Irma Williams of the Y. W. M. I. A.

Katie Sadler was released as the secretary of the Relief Society, and Florence Galbraith was sustained in her stead.

A surprise party was given Jan. 22 in honor of Katie Sadler by the Relief Society. Orel Stowell composed and rendered a musical number in appreciation of her services.

PALO ALTO

The Gold and Green Ball given jointly by the San Jose and Palo Alto Mutual Improvement Associations Friday evening, Jan. 25, in the Palo Alto Ward Auditorium, proved to be the outstanding social affair of this season, and one of great success and beauty.

Promptly at 9:30 p. m. the Queens, Miss Clara Isaksen of Palo Alto and Miss Edna Wall of San Jose were crowned, and jointly ruled over the ball during the evening. President Howard McDonald of Stake Presidency officiated at the coronation ceremony, which was followed by a grand march, led by the Queens, their attendants and their escorts. The auditorium was tastefully and beautifully decorated in a gold and green color scheme. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. Many stake officers and other out of town guests were in attendance.

Mrs. Ivy Pearson who underwent a major operation at the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 15, is well on the road to recovery.

Feb. 15 has been set for the date of the Palo Alto M. I. A. three-act play entitled "Ballots for Bill." The cast, consisting of ten persons, five men and five women, has been well chosen, and are working hard with their director, Brother W. K. Smith, to make the play one of the best ever given by the Palo Alto Mutual.

The 77th birthday anniversary of Sister Josephine B. McHale was celebrated Wedensday evening, Jan. 23, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Bishop Arthur V. Thulin, at 1327 Alma Street. Old friends and neighbors were guests. Sister McHale is the oldest member of the Palo Alto Ward, having resided in Palo Alto for the past thirty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kartchner have had as their guests for the past week Mr. Kartchner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kartchner of Provo, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis of Ogden, Utah, have been the guests of Mrs. Lewis' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill of Mountain View. Mr. Lewis is the Mount Ogden Stake Sunday School chorister.

ELMHURST

Rene Schipper left for Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3 for a prolonged stay. She will be missed by the ward.

We are all extending our congratulations to Sister McFarlane, wife of our Bishop, on her appointment to the office of Stake Superintendency of Primary. She is given our best wishes for a successful career.

Sister Hanks is here from Arizona, visiting her son, E. Kaye Hanks.

Due to the basketball schedule the meeting night for the Junior Genealogical Class has been changed to Wednesday nights. It has been decided to hold these classes at the homes of the various members, as it is felt that more can be accomplished this way.

Since the completion of the amusement hall the M. I. A. have decided to hold a ward dance every other Tuesday evening after Mutual on activity night from 8:30 to 10:30. They started this movement with a grand take-off by holding a dance on Friday, Jan. 25, with a good time had by all.

Phylis Nelms has returned from Arizona, where she spent some time over the holidays visiting relatives.

The Genealogical committee of the ward held a party at the home of H. B. Brummet Jan. 21. Everyone present enjoyed themselves playing games. Dainty refreshments were served.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Peter D. Peterson entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Helen Johnson and Miss Grace Johnson, daughters of Mrs. Lydia B. Johnson, whose marriages take place in the near future A three course luncheon was served. Mrs. Peterson was assisted by Mrs. Lydia B. Johnson. Eighteen guests were present.

Miss Eleanor Hahl has been confined to the hospital since New Year's day when she fell and cut her leg. We are very happy to know that she is making progrgess.

Mr. Jack Jenson has been confined to the hospital with blood poisoning in his hand.

A very successful minstrel show was given by the Sunset Ward for the benefit of the building funds of both wards, in the San Francisco Ward Amusement Hall Jan. 24. Besides the minstrel show many numbers were offered by the Relief Societyettes and the San Francisco Ward Girls' Junior Chorus under the direction of John Y. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Romney are San Francisco visitors. Mrs. Helen Brown of Salt Lake City is also visiting relatives in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rudy have had as their guests four of their daughters—Mrs. Janet Hess from Salt Lake, Mrs. Thelma Young, Mrs. Delma Long and Mrs. Larue Wardle from Roosevelt, Utah. They are sisters of Mrs. Fred Hoeft.

Miss LaVerne Malin has been chosen as first assistant to the Young Ladies Mutual Presidency of the Stake, and Mrs. Florence M. Fitzgerald has been chosen to fill the vacancy in the ward as president.

Ernest Boesgiter has been chosen as Young Men's Stake Mutual President, and he has selected for his counselor George S. Moss, also a member of the San Francisco Ward Mutual. Theodore R. Martin has been chosen as an assistant to Ed. D. Bowring of the Ward Mutual Presidency, to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Boesgiter.

VALLEJO

The Vallejo Sunday School officers and teachers attending Union Meeting Thursday, December 28, were overjoyed at receiving the Efficiency Banner for the San Francisco Stake for the year 1934. A delightful time was spent at the dance in the Dimond Ward Amusement Hall later in the evening.

A. Dairl Hill and Parley H. Merrill were chosen by President Alvin G. Cheshire to be his counselors in the Genealogical Class.

William F. Handley of Salt Lake City is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire.

The Genealogical Class gave a surprise party to Helen Ann Cheshire Jan. 10, the event being her birthday. Games and music were greatly enjoyed by all, and late in the evening dainty refreshments were served. A lovely gift was presented the guest of honor by the class. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dairl Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. Floyd Olson, Lillian Miles, Frances Henderson, Murial Smith, Parley H. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire, and Miss Helen Ann Cheshire, guest of honor.

Vallejo Branch greatly enjoyed a visit from Seldon A. Milward Sunday evening, Jan. 13. He was the evening speaker. Mrs. Milward and Mr. Milward's brother favored us with musical selections.

C. M. Dewsnup, member of the High Council, and William Fuller were the evening speakers at the Vallejo Branch Jan. 20.

SAN JOSE

The San Jose Ward welcomed the Stake Presidency and Sister Winters at their Sacrament Meeting Jan. 13. We appreciated the opportunity of meeting them and wish them much happiness in the work in which they are engaged.

Mr. Harold P. Miller, English instructor at the State Teachers College, led our M. I. A. in a very interesting lecture and discussion on Social Conduct. We invite him to come again.

Little Arleene Mortenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Mortenson, underwent an operation in San Francisco Jan. 21. She is getting along nicely and we hope to have her back with us soon.

The Clyde Lindseys are in quarantine with scarlet fever. Kenneth is the victim, but improving steadily. We have also received word that Kay Lindsey, who is filling a mission in England, has been made president of the London district. Congratulations, Kay!

Sister Anna Patton gave us a delightful talk on Hobbles at one of our Mutuals this month.

The Adult and Senior departments met at Sister Anna Christensen's last week for chili and it certainly tasted good.

We were pleased to have Brother Taylor and Brother William W. Collins of the Stake High Council as our speakers Sunday, Jan. 20. Little Doris Thomason also favored us with two violin solos. We are surely proud o Doris.

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